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Relating to Modulation )  
of p66 Expression" )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The present application is based on International Application PCT/GB00.01079. Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

In the specification:

At page 1, line 3, please insert the following priority claim:

--/ This application claims is a 371 filing of International Application PCT/GB00/01079 filed March 22, 2000 which in turn claims priority from GB Application No. 9906515.3, filed March 22, 1999. --

At page 55, on a separate sheet, please insert the following abstract of the disclosure:

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**ABSTRACT**

It has been determined that i) p66<sup>shc</sup> is serine phosphorylated upon UV treatment or oxidative damage: ii) the serine-phosphorylation of p<sup>66</sup> by oxidative signals is mediated by Erk1 and p38, as shown in vivo and in vitro; iii) ablation of p66<sup>shc</sup> expression by homologous recombination enhances resistance to oxidative damage both in vitro and in vivo; iv)